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NEWFOUNDLAND BANKERS BAIT.

Tuesday last the Newfoundland Marine and Fisheries Department received the following message from Harbor Breton: "Four seines down in Con-nigre Bay, had big catches of herring. Twenty-five bankers baited there yesterday."

The striking in of the herring has been a great boon to the Newfoundland bankers, who had been offering as much as \$50 a dory load for herring but could not procure them, even at that price. A few weeks ago they were \$30 a dory load, and the price has been advancing all the while.

There were 20 sail of bankers in Fortune Bay, all seeking bait. Thirty others of the fleet had been detained at St. Pierre for 10 days, owing to the adverse weather, but managed to get clear Tuesday last, and are now on the fishing grounds.

THE MARKET ON SALT MACKEREL.

The market in salt mackerel is still quiet owing to scarcity of stock; the fish are practically out of the market with few exceptions, says the Fishing Gazette. The new catch will be available as soon as the supply of fresh is sufficient to yield surplus fish.

Advices report a light catch of Irish mackerel for the spring fishing. The demand has been fairly good for fall catch. Norway mackerel is steady with a normal demand on No. 2s and No. 3s.

COD SCHOOLING IN IPSWICH BAY.

Capt. William Marchant made a nice haul in Ipswich bay yesterday, taking in his seine, 3700 pounds of pollock and 3000 weight of cod. The fish were brought in here, the pollock being purchased by Wm. B. McDonald & Co. at the Fort, while the cod went to the Gloucester Salt Fish Company to split.

Nova Scotia Lobster Fishery.

The fishermen of Seal Island and vicinity report fair lobster fishing. The eastern districts are not doing much. The Shelburne harbor district has had a poor season. The prices are low at all points. The Boston markets have been overstocked from Maine and Nova Scotia, resulting in prices ruling the lowest for some time.

Some dissatisfaction is reported from Lockeport by the off-shore fishermen. It is claimed that the Cold Storage Company is discriminating in bait and fish prices, charging a higher price for bait to one class of fishermen, and also having two prices for the fish caught and purchased by the Company.

A Beautiful Vessel.

A new vessel that has attracted unusual attention in the harbor for the past few days was the Gloucester sch. Imperator, Capt. Freeman Decker, which tied up at the pier of the Parker Eakins Co., and proceeded later on her maiden fishing voyage. She is the most up-to-date craft ever seen in our harbor, and is a fine vessel in every particular. Her lofty spars tower above any vessel of her size heretofore seen here, but from her new style model those familiar with such rigs give an opinion that she is perfectly safe and staunch in all weathers.—Yarmouth Herald.

New Nova Scotia Banker.

Leary Brothers recently launched from their shipyard, Dayspring, N. S., a fine addition to the LaHave fishing fleet. The schooner is named the J. D. Hazen, after the minister of marine and fisheries, and is a beauty. She is 128 feet over all, 11 feet 3 inches deep and 26 feet beam. She is owned in Riverport and will be commanded by Captain Daniel Romkey, of Riverport.

Going to Cape Shore.

Sch. Miranda will fit for Cape Shore mackerel seining, under command of Capt. Christopher Carrigan.

Sch. Stiletto is fitting for Cape Shore seining under command of Capt. Fred Carrigan.

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BUY YACHT FOR BEAM TRAWLING.

Commodore A. C. James' early steel steam yacht Aloha has been purchased by a New York syndicate and is being converted into a steam trawler for fishing out of T wharf. The Aloha is brigantine rig, 160 feet over all, and was built in South Boston, in 1899. As a trawler the vessel will be commanded by Capt. Steele, for some time master of the trawler Spray. The Aloha, with name changed, will be placed in her new trade about July 1.

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Hake Sound Rising.

There has been quite an activity in the market on hake sounds the past few days, the price being bid up two cents a pound. The market price now is 81-4 cents a pound.

Will Go Seining.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby will now haul out of haddocking and fit for mackerel seining.

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After Pollock.

Sch. Grace Otis will fit for pollock seining under command of Capt. Frank Enslo.

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SALT DRIFTERS HAVE FAIR TRIPS.

TWO CRAFTS DOWN FROM BOSTON WITH FRESH FISH TO SPLIT.

The arrivals at this port this morning were few, two salt drifters and two of the haddockers being down from Boston with fish.

Sch. Volant from drifting hails for 36,000 pounds of salt cod, and sch. Corsair, also drifting has 30,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Maud F. Silva brought down about 40,000 pounds of fresh fish left over from her fare at Boston yesterday, and sch. Frances S. Grueby, 80,000 pounds. This will be the last trip of the Grueby in fresh fishing, for Capt. Nickerson will not fit for mackerel seining.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Volant, salt drifting, 36,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Corsair, salt drifting, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Gov. Foss, halibut.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, halibut.

Sch. Georgia, pollock seining.

Sch. Marsala, Georges handlining.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddock.

Sch. Rob Roy, haddocking.

Sch. Albert W. Black, haddocking.

Sch. Raymah, Boston.

Sch. Stiletto, mackerel seining.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.75, mediums, \$3.25; snappers, \$2.25.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.12½ per cwt.; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.87½; mediums \$3.50; snappers \$2.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.12½; mediums, \$3.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2 snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock 70 cents per cwt.

Peak cod, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.55; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$1.65; snappers, 75 cents.

All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, 70c.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; medium, \$1.00; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c.; round, 70c.

Bank halibut, 8c per lb. for white, and 6c for gray.

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OPPOSING BEAM TRAWLING.

Russia Will Not Permit It in Caspian and Prepontine Regions.

Articles which have recently appeared in the London Times indicate that the beam trawler, which is to be seen in such large numbers in the North Sea, is receiving no small measure of interest there. The Times, speaking in disfavor of the trawler, says it is important to note that the trawlers have had their boom and although they have ruined the sailing craft, the company owned have, after the first spurt, done nothing so very great for their share holders. From a fishing point of view they are enormously wasteful. In a measure they have burned down the house to roast the pig. Again, speaking on fish topics, the Times draws attention to the Russian fisheries. In the Caspian and Prepontine regions trawling is forbidden. Statistics show the average annual market production of Russia exceeds \$14,200,000 cwt., valued at nearly \$51,250,000. But notwithstanding the enormous yield of her fisheries Russia has to import great quantities from foreign countries; some of the native fisheries have shown signs of exhaustion and the serious problem of protecting them has to be met. Already \$275,000 a year is spent for this purpose. This is used in breeding in the most up-to-date method.

Porto Rico Fish Notes.

The arrival of fishstuffs at San Juan for the week ending April 30 comprised: 123 tcs. cod, 10 tcs. pollock, 100 bxs. bloaters, 40 bds. smoked herring and 12 tcs. dry fish. S. Ramirez & Co. say:

"Codfish—The market continues well supplied and rather inactive. Prices, however, have not experienced the material decline which was and is, to be expected in the fact of recent heavy shipments, and we ascribe this steadiness to the very high prices now ruling for jerked beef—a product parallel to dry fish in the diet of our rural population. We quote good codfish in the neighborhood of \$31 per drum net ex wharf."

"Pollock and Haddock—Stocks are on the increase and prices vary according to quality. Sales are effected between \$16 to \$18 per drum net ex wharf."

Newfoundland Fish News.

Capt. Fitzpatrick reports that the fishery on the West coast is not so favorable as it was during the last trip. At Fortune and Hermitage Bay very little doing, the largest catches were the Lucy House, which reported with 445 quintals, and at Beleoram J. J. Rose's craft hails for 400 qtls., the rest of the fleet did very poorly. At Port aux Basques on Friday, April 2d fish struck in in abundance, some of the dories securing as high as seven qtls. and the catch daily is very good, when no ice is on the coast. At Grand Bank the Lucy Smith is high liner with 600 qtls. Herring is plentiful and in consequence the price has dropped considerably. The price last month ranged from \$40 to \$50 a dory load, is now \$15. No ice is to be seen along the coast, and only a few bergs were sighted off Cape Ballard.

They Still Build Them.

The schooner Gladys Thorburn, which was launched from the yard of W. C. McKay & Son at Shelburne, N. S., last Wednesday evening, is a beautiful looking vessel. She is from a design from McMannus of Boston, and is 80 feet over all. The best material was used in her construction and she is fitted up throughout in an up-to-date manner. The vessel has been fitted with a 28 horse power engine, and will be engaged in the shore fisheries. She is a credit to her owners and to her builders and is a valuable addition to the fishing fleet sailing from Shelburne.

Fine Newfoundland Banker.

The past winter Capt. John Smith of Harbor Breton, N. E., has built a fine schooner, one of the best ever produced in the Colony. She is on the latest model and is believed to equal in construction any in Nova Scotia. She is 130 tons net and cost over \$10,000 before being completed. She was christened the Lucy Smith last month while from her first voyage to the Banks she has returned with 600 qtls. cod. Capt. Smith himself commands her and we predict for him a prosperous season.

T Wharf Fresh Fish Figures.

Arrivals of fresh groundfish at Boston for the week ending May 3 consisted of 2,447,100 pounds from 67 fares, against 1,668,100 pounds or 64 arrivals for the same period of 1911.

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PRICES PICKED UP SOMEWHAT.

TRADE AT T WHARF TODAY IS BETTER THAN FOR SOME TIME.

Prices on fresh fish picked up a little at T wharf, Boston, this morning, and trade was little more lively than it has been for several days, although for all that the market was amply supplied to meet all demands.

The best trip of the morning is that of the Provincetown sch. Jessie Costa with about 70,000 pounds, chiefly haddock and cod. Included in the list is the steam trawlers Spray and Crest hauling for 25,000 pounds and 30,000 pounds apiece.

Haddock sold at \$2.25 to \$2.50 a hundred weight, large cod, \$3.25 to \$3.50, market cod, \$2 to \$2.25, hake, \$1.50; and pollock, \$3.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Flavia, 5000 haddock, 9000 cod, 10,000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Str. Spray, 25,000 haddock, 200 pollock.

Sch. Annie Perry, 15,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Eleanor DeCosta, 18,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 13,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 2100 cod.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 5000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Str. Crest, 30,000 haddock, 1800 cod.

Sch. Arbitrator, 16,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 40,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 200 hake, 4000 cusk, 1200 halibut.

Haddock, \$2.25 to \$2.50; large cod, \$3.25 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, \$1.50; pollock, \$3.

Pensacola Fish Notes.

Smack arrivals at Pensacola were surprisingly few during the early part of last week. The Warren Fish Company had the Galatea with 7000 lbs. of redsnapper; the Chicopee with 14,000 lbs. redsnapper, 2000 lbs. groupers; Emma Wixon, 12,000 lbs. red snappers, 3000 lbs. groupers and 20,000 lbs. fresh mackerel and bluefish. The E. E. Saunder & Co. had the Emily Cooney with 5000 lbs. redsnappers, 11,000 lbs. groupers; the Cicannett with 23,000 lbs. redsnappers and 9000 lbs. groupers.

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What the Netters Did.

The total catch of the south mackerel netters last week was 305 barrels against 342 barrels for the same period last year.

Salt Mackerel Imports.

Imports of salt mackerel of the 1911 catch received at Boston to date is 32,138 barrels.

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THE WHALE CATCH.

The total catch of whales during last year's whaling season was 22,500. This is said to be the largest number ever caught in one season. The average value of whales is now about \$5500 apiece, though not many years ago it was \$10,000 apiece.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Minnie arrived at Canso Saturday and schs. Atalanta, Elsie and Avalon sailed from that port on the same date for the Magdalens.

Sch. Imperator arrived at Hawkesbury Saturday.

Sch. Maxine Elliott was at Arichat, C. B., Saturday.

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Netters at New York.

Two of the southern netting fleet at New York this morning with fresh mackerel. A despatch to the Times states that sch. Manomet is in with 800 fresh fish, and the Julietta with 935. Wholesalers were holding the fish at 40 cents each.